



# MINUTES

## HOUSE TRANSPORTATION STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, January 18, 2024 | 2:00 p.m. | 445 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Rep. Kay J. Christofferson, Chair  
Rep. Douglas R. Welton, Vice Chair  
Rep. Nelson T. Abbott  
Rep. Ariel Defay  
Rep. Brett Garner  
Rep. Ken Ivory  
Rep. Dan N. Johnson

Rep. Ashlee Matthews  
Rep. Karen M. Peterson  
Rep. Susan Pulsipher  
Rep. Jeffrey D. Stenquist  
Rep. Raymond P. Ward

**Staff Present:**

Rachel Brooks, Policy Analyst  
Reese Boardman, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Welton called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

**1. H.B. 122 Motorcycle Equipment Amendments (Defay, A.)**

**MOTION:** Rep. Welton moved to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2023 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 9

Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. R. Ward  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. K. Ivory

Rep. Defay presented the bill with the assistance of Mathew Wallace, citizen.

Major Jeff Nigbur, Assistant Superintendent, Utah Highway Patrol, spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Abbott moved to hold H.B. 122. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 12

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. R. Ward  
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

**2. H.B. 142 Railroad Drone Amendments (*Wilcox, R.*)**

Rep. Wilcox presented the bill with assistance of Dalan Taylor, Chief of Police, Utah Transit Authority.

Bernadette Brockman, citizen, spoke in opposition to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Ivory moved to replace H.B. 142 with 1st Substitute H.B. 142. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 12

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. R. Ward  
Rep. D. Welton

**MOTION:** Rep. Ivory moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 142 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 12

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. R. Ward  
Rep. D. Welton

Chair Welton called a recess for 5 minutes.

Chair Welton called the meeting back to order.

**3. H.B. 144 Vehicle Accident Liability Amendments (*Stoddard, A.*)**

Rep. Stoddard presented the bill

Aaron Wild, attorney, Utah Association for Justice, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Christofferson moved to amend H.B. 144 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 1.

Amendment 1  
H.B. 144

- 1. Page 1, Lines 15 through 17:
- 15     ▶ clarifies that a vehicle operator intending to turn left is not required to yield the
- 16 right-of-way to a vehicle operator approaching from the opposite direction that fails

17 to stop or yield when required by a { traffic-control device } stop sign or steady red signal at the intersection;

2 . Page 2, Lines 43 through 46:

43 (2) (a) The operator of a vehicle intending to turn to the left at an intersection is not  
44 required to yield the right-of-way to a vehicle operator approaching from the opposite direction  
45 if the vehicle operator approaching from the opposite direction fails to stop or yield when  
46 required to stop or yield by a { traffic-control device } stop sign or steady red signal at that intersection.

Yeas - 11

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. R. Ward  
Rep. D. Welton

Rep. J. Stenquist

**MOTION:** Rep. Christofferson moved to pass H.B. 144 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 11

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. R. Ward  
Rep. D. Welton

Rep. J. Stenquist

**MOTION:** Rep. Peterson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 11

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. N. Abbott  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. A. Defay  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. K. Ivory  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. A. Matthews  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. R. Ward  
Rep. D. Welton

Rep. J. Stenquist

Chair Welton adjourned the meeting.

NOTE: H.B. 0109 was not discussed in the meeting.